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In re Application of:

J.P. PRIEELS et al.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR § 1.113 based on the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 set forth in the Office Action of March 29, 2000. Applicants include in their Response to the Office Action of March 29, 2000, a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief. Applicants also include a copy of a Decision on Petition for Applicants' first Appeal Brief filed June 28, 1999. Please accept this as a timely response to the outstanding Office Action.

REMARKS

Claims 19, 20, 23 and 24 are pending. Applicants' invention is a vaccine comprising: HIV antigen, QS-21, and 3-De-O-acylated monophosphoryl lipid A (3D-MPL). Applicants have already submitted uncontroverted evidence that their invention meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1. Specifically, their invention effectively protects rhesus macaques from SHIV